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DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Thursday, 24 January 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, Earman,  
Col. White

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The Director:

b. Noted the item in the log concerning the Ta'Chen Island situation and directed that this matter be brought up at the meeting with Adm. Radford during the time the members of the Senior Staff are present. He noted that if we wanted the island defended it would be necessary to give the Chinese Nationalists more equipment. He also noted that in his opinion two or three destroyer leaders of the 35-knot class manned by competent Nationalists could in all probability prevent an invasion by the Chinese Communists.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Discussed the schedule of the briefing for Adm. Radford this afternoon. It was noted that [ ] desired to have the members of the Senior Staff present if possible. After some discussion, the Director approved and stated that they should be present during the period beginning at 3:00 o'clock. Mr. Becker will coordinate this with [ ]

b. Discussed the Bauxite deposits on Palau and raised the question as to whether we should take any action on this matter. The Director stated that our primary concern was to prevent the Russians from obtaining this mineral.

c. Noted the item in the log pertaining to [ ] and stated that Defense had agreed to fly photo reconnaissance missions mentioned therein.

d. Discussed State's policy on the forthcoming Economic Conference in Moscow (the denouncement of the Conference) and noted that this position had been approved by the NATO Council. After some discussion wherein it was agreed that: 1) this "new position" would throw a different light on this Conference; 2) State would in all probability ask for a written request from CIA if we desired that a passport be issued to any individual of our choice to attend this Conference, the DCI stated that it might be necessary for us

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Mr. Wisner - (Continued)

to use a "third party" in this matter. Mr. Hedden noted that possibly we could use [ ] for this purpose if they send representatives. The Director stated that he had talked to [ ] concerning the whole matter of the Conference and had asked [ ] to do nothing further until he heard from us.

e. Raised the question of sending a congratulatory message to Ambassador Bruce. The Director and Mr. Dulles stated that there was no objection to this being done on an individual basis.

f. Referred to Walter Lippmann's article of this date concerning the exchange of prisoners and asked if CIA should bring this matter before the Security Council. After considerable discussion, the Director stated that we did have an interest in this problem from the psychological warfare aspect and there was no objection to CIA preparing a paper stating our position which is "no forced repatriation". He also noted that this paper should include our ideas of a possible solution to this dilemma -- making a count of those Chinese and North Koreans who desired repatriation; separation of the hard-core Communist PWs from those who were impressed to fight; offering to trade with the Communists those who wished to return for the approximate 5,000 UN prisoners the Communists now have. He also noted that he believed that if an accurate count was taken of those Communist PWs who wished to return we could probably make a trade on about a 10 to 1 ratio.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Stated that Ed Miller from State was coming in to see him today. Mr. Wisner referred to a recent cable from Panama concerning the activities of the Honorable Karl Bendetsen, Assistant Secretary of the Army, in this area and asked Mr. Dulles to discuss this matter with Miller. The Director indicated his desire to see cables of this nature in the future.

b. Stated he had received a letter from Ambassador Bruce which was to be transmitted to Doc Matthews concerning the transfer of [ ]. After some discussion, the Director stated that he would call Mr. Durbrow, Personnel Director of Foreign Service Personnel in State concerning this matter after this letter had been delivered to Matthews.

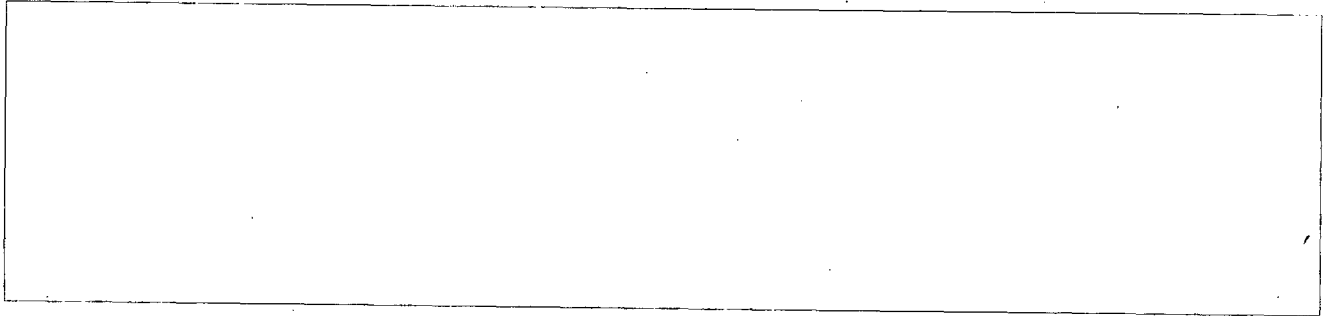
c. Noted that John Allison had been appointment Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

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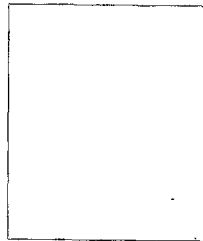
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Col. White:



b. Stated that he had received a call from General Counsel referring to reciprocal rights in foreign countries and asked the DCI if he had discussed this matter with State. The Director indicated that he had not but that he did know something about it. He directed that this problem be submitted to him in a study prepared along the lines of a general staff paper, i.e., statement of problem, facts bearing on the problem, discussion, conclusions and recommendations. The Director also stated that he desired that all papers submitted to him for decision be prepared in this manner. This will include Project Review Committee papers.

Mr. Becker discussed a meeting that he, Mr. Hedden and Mr. Houston had yesterday with representatives of AFSA.



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